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Prasad and Grubbs (PM-1268)
United States Patent Appln. No. 122,760
Process And Apparatus For the
Semicontinuous Extraction of Nicotine From Tobacco

Dear Jim:

We have enclosed a revised response to the January 30, 1989 Office Action in the above-identified application.

As you will see, we have amended claim 9 to have a proper antecedent basis.

Claims 34 and 37 have been amended to more clearly claim that the apparatus of the claimed invention can function with solvent that is either in the liquid or supercritical state.

Claims 35 and 38 have been amended to refer to an apparatus rather than a method.

We have also added claims 40-42 and 43-45 which respectively refer to an apparatus for the removal of nicotine from tobacco and the removal of nicotine from solvent wherein the solvent is in the supercritical state.

Claims 46-50 have been added to refer to an apparatus for the entrapment of nicotine from a solvent which may be designed to function with a solvent in any one or combination of physical states.

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Finally, claims 51-56 have been added to refer to the apparatus comprising both the extraction and entrapment portions.

Since tomorrow is the last day to file the application without paying an additional late fee, please provide us with your comments by tomorrow, if possible.

With best regards,

Very truly yours,



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